



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 556**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 23, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Under current law, there is no statutory direction for judges in situations where a conflict of interest interferes with a guardian ad litem's ability to represent the best interests of a juvenile in a juvenile court proceeding.

Legislative Bill 556 proposes that if a conflict of interest arises within the duties of a guardian ad litem's representation of a particular juvenile, the guardian ad litem will be appointed to the role of separate counsel for the juvenile and a new guardian ad litem will be appointed.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Brad Ashford**